



Agape MCC Weekly News

Sept 2 2009

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thu Sept 3:
7pm Spirit Road- Herbal
Medicine with Terri Nelson

Sun Sept 6:
10:30am Worship Service

Mon Sept 7:
Holiday - Office Closed

Thu Sept 10:
7pm Spirit Road- Spirituality in
Colors with Wren Wynn

Fri Sept 11:
5:30 pm Samaritan House
Supper Club

Sat Sept 12:
7:30pm Open Door Concert-
"Ruby" w Erika Luckett &
Lisa Ferraro

Sat Sept 19:
8am-11am Labyrinth
Workday

AUGUST STATS-

08/02

Attendance- 124

Offering-\$3,736

08/09

Attendance- 109

Offering-\$3,212

08/16

Attendance- 100

Congratulations, Rev. Wynn!



Rev. S. David Wynn has been elected as Senior Pastor for Agape Metropolitan Community Church.

A special congregational meeting was held on Sunday, August 30, 2009. Rev. Wynn was elected with 93% of the vote by active members of Agape MCC.

Congratulations to Rev. Wynn and his family, Wren and Seth!

Weekly Meditation - September 2, 2009 by Rev. Teri Lubbers

Unforced Rhythms of Grace

Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me - watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly. ~ Matthew 11:28 (The Message)

Almost sounds too good to be true, these words of Jesus. Almost sounds like an advertisement for an ocean cruise: get away from it all, escape your mundane life, leave your stress behind, we will pamper you.

But the words of Jesus are not words of escape. They are words of engagement. Every day the Divine calls us and invites us into relationship. A relationship that doesn't take us away from it all, but shows us how to show up for the lives we have.

I used to think that spirituality meant looking for the hardest task in the pile to accomplish in order to prove how much I loved God. I thought it meant treating myself less than gently because I needed to be "disciplined" to be pleasing to God. I thought that self-denigration was required to get God's attention. None of this was true.

God already loves us - before we have done, or not done, a

Offering-\$2,331
08/23
Attendance- 116
Offering-\$1,468
08/30
Attendance- 127
Offering-\$2,324

Monthly Giving Target:
\$11,790

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thing. We are being invited to dance with the Divine. The Teacher wants to show us some new moves, rhythms of grace that will let us glide on the dance floor - freely and light on our feet.

Prayer: God, teach me to dance today like no one's watching. Help me learn to love the life I have and discover in it your rhythms of grace. Show me how to do it. Amen.

Sunday School Teachers Needed



Agape MCC needs additional teachers for our Children's Sunday School. Teacher plans, materials, and activities are already in place. We ask that teachers lead once every 4 to 8 weeks. If you are interested feel free to observe a Sunday School Class on any Sunday Morning. Just speak with Deb or Tina.

Our Agape kids are awesome, and it can be a special blessing to be part of their spiritual growth experience. Please consider this opportunity prayerfully!

New WJD Billboards in DFW Metroplex



4 billboards have gone up on I-30 close to the exits for Six Flags, the new Cowboy Stadium, and Ranger Ballpark. Two are eastbound and two are westbound.

One in each direction asks the question, "Would Jesus Discriminate?" and the WJD web address asks the follow-up question, "WhyWouldWe?"

Whatever reaction you may encounter from someone regarding these billboards remember that we are called to LOVE just as God loves us! Respond with love and appreciation that you have an opportunity to share another perspective on scripture and be an example of God's radically inclusive love. Show the world just how God's love has changed you!

You can find more conversation starters by reading this content on the Metroplex WJD website:

[Jesus Affirms a Gay Couple](#); and [The Early Church Welcomed a Gay Man](#) .

May God bless these billboards and our local MCC churches" WJD outreach. May God's spirit speak a word of inclusion and hope to many who see them. May others have cause to reconsider the life and example of Jesus asking themselves "Would Jesus Discriminate?"

Identify yourself as a member or friend of Agape MCC and ask for an insurance quote: home, auto, renters, life, etc.

Agape MCC will receive a \$25 check
for your inquiry.

Contact us at:

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817-535-5002

Join Our Mailing List!

Join OpenDoor in a night of intrigue, risk taking, and going to a higher ground with

Erika Lockett & Lisa Ferraro



as "RUBY"

Sat. 9/12

7:30 PM

Heart & Soul
Coffeehouse

The Persian poet Jelaluddin Rumi uses the ruby as a symbol of transformation in describing the spiritual process, which transforms us into jewels. This show celebrates Ruby's CD, "On the Way of Love: Songs Inspired by Rumi". Sensual voices, rich and harmonic, blending with guitar sounds, draw the listener into the visuals created from the lyrics.

Proceeds from the event support the artists and the ministries of Agape MCC. *Please join us!*

Tickets: \$15 in advance / \$20 at the door

Open Hearts Gift Shop Update



From Trish at the Gift Shop: Agape MCC's Open Hearts Gift Shop is moving in new and exciting directions. We are going on the road. We are selling our wares and sharing information about our church with the community. This effort to raise money is also a great outreach program. Casting our nets on the other side and fishing for the fish that no one sees. Below are the dates and places you can find us:

Sep 12 - Open Door Production

Sep 26 - Best Friends

Oct 03 - Open Door Production

Oct 04 - Stampedes (Parade)

Oct 10 - Pride Picnic

Oct 24 - Best Friends

Nov 21 - Best Friends

Dec 12 - Best Friends

Rev. Delores Berry at Agape Oct 25 A.M. Service



Our special guest speaker on Sunday October 25 will be Rev. Delores P. Berry. Rev. Berry is an Evangelist and vocalist in the Metropolitan Community Churches. A former Christian Methodist Episcopal minister, she was ordained by the MCC in 1983. If you haven't heard her preach before, you're in for a treat. To say that she's dynamic is an understatement!

Please join us for this special event. Learn more about Rev. Berry and her ministry at her website:

<http://www.revdeloressberry.com> .

Praises!

- For Rev. David's election as Senior Pastor!
- All our church volunteers who work tirelessly in the background for all of us.
- New "Would Jesus Discriminate?" Billboards in Arlington!

Prayers:

- Anna -healing prayers.
- David W.'s mom Arlene.
- Jade and Thomas - jobs.
- Students in Bridgeport, Texas.
- Laurie G - recovery from brain aneurysm.
- Paula.
- Ray B.'s friend Charlie - lung cancer.
- Don- prostate cancer.
- Terry- colon cancer.
- Peggy B. -healing for back pain.
- Michelle -health problems; healing.
- Sarah and the delivery of Ana.
- Matt and Jeff- Matt's father is at the end of his battle with cancer.
- Ben C.'s son Travis- not doing well & not expected to live long.

Our Mission- With open hearts, open minds, and open arms, Agape' MCC is a nurturing faith community seeking God's will by celebrating inclusive worship, redefining family, and providing a voice for justice.

Our Core Values- We believe that a sacred space: Welcomes and affirms all people; Does not "stand idly by" in the face of inequity and injustice; Communicates the unconditional love of God for all; Improves the spiritual connections between each person and God as she or he understands God.